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Welcome to a stormy Spring!

In our local newspaper, The News Register, there was an article by Elaine Rohse titled “Taffy-pulling party was a sweet success”. I often include some of Elaine’s articles in this newsletter, I did ask her if I could and she said sure. This article brought back memories of my teen years when my neighbor and I had a taffy pulling party and when I would make taffy with my own children.

Elaine had told her son that she had had a blast while growing up. She said “I didn’t have a single electronic device as a child. They hadn’t yet come on the market.” He looked at her as if she were Methuselah. She went on to say she didn’t just sit and be entertained by a mechanical device but entertained herself. Taffy pulling was much more fun than spinning the bottle or musical chairs or bobbing for apples. It is a shame that no one pulls taffy anymore. It’s part of America.

A few weeks later her son wanted to have a few kids over for a party. Elaine’s question was “what do you want to do? How about a taffy pulling party?” Her son doubted that anyone would come. They began planning for the party and invited about a dozen kids, to which he thought only half would show up.

Elaine began searching for her recipe but was not finding it in any of the cookbooks that she was looking through. She was about to wing it with her own recipe and hope for the best when she saw a cookbook “Homemade Candy” by the food editors of Farm Journal and there was the exact recipe she needed. It had instructions on how to pull taffy too.

For those that have never pulled taffy here is how: Use a syrup of sugar, light corn syrup and water and cook to a hard-ball stage, then pour into dinner plates – one for each guest. Then with heavy

spatula, begin pulling syrup from edges of the plate toward the center to encourage cooling. When candy is cool enough to easily handle, start the pulling. Pull candy slowly until hands are about 18 inches apart. Fold half of candy back on other half and continue until taffy begins to firm up. Make a rope from the taffy and cut in individual pieces with buttered scissors.

Elaine had told her son that he could learn a few things from pulling taffy but he could not see what would be learned. Patience is one thing you learn. If you start pulling with your hands before it is cooled you could have some nasty burns. You learn a bit of endurance as pulling that candy back and forth, back and forth, sometimes becomes a lengthy process and if the syrup hasn’t been cooked quite enough, it can be about like churning butter. But don’t give up! The biggest thing is to be sure that your hands are thoroughly clean or your taffy will not be alabaster white.

When as a teenager one of the kids that we invited did not get his hands clean and his taffy was a grey color and no one wanted to taste his candy. You can put food coloring in it too. We buttered our hands so the taffy would not stick to our hands as we pulled. My children and I used to make and pull taffy and we had some taffy pulling parties too. Great memories.

Do you have some memories you would like to share with our readers? Send them to me and maybe we can get a few things from the past working today. A little less modern technology and more personal contact like we learned in our lesson on “Technology and Family Dynamics”.



Plans are being made for our District III meeting to be held this year in Dallas, at Murphy’s Grill. Sally Wyffels and Anne Engen will be presenting our lesson on Iceland.

And a reminder if you have changed your address, know of someone who would like to receive this newsletter or someone who received this newsletter and now is deceased please let us know so we can make the needed changes. Send the changes to **Susan Whitaker, 9875 Parker Rd., Monmouth, OR 97361-9762.**

Sincerely,



Lynda Nyseth, Editor



“Wonder”

I recommend the movie “**Wonder**” for your viewing enjoyment. This is an inspiring story of **August Pullman**, a boy with facial differences who enters fifth grade, attending a mainstream school for the first time. It is an inspiring and uplifting film starring **Julia Roberts, Owen Wilson and Jacob Tremblay**.



If you haven’t done so before check out the Oregon FCE web-site. Scott has done much work on fixing it so it is easy to see what is going on. New format, new articles. Check it out!
www.oregon-fce.org

How Much Do You Know About Memorial Day?

(This quiz was put out by AARP May 10, 2012, so some of the answers might be different now)

1. Memorial Day was created to honor fallen soldiers of:
 - The Revolutionary War
 - The War of 1812
 - The Civil War
 - World War I
2. The first Memorial Day celebration was held in:
 - Boalsburg, PA
 - Waterloo, N.Y.
 - Carbondale, Ill.
 - All of the above
3. How many still observe Confederate Memorial Day?
 - 9
 - 5
 - 2
 - None
4. When was Memorial Day moved from May 30 to the last Monday in May?
 - 1925
 - 1946
 - 1971
 - 1980
5. What city hosts the oldest Memorial Day parade?
 - Doylestown, PA
 - Douglaston, N. Y.
 - Ironton, Ohio
 - Portsmouth, VA
6. Which major sporting event takes place each Memorial Day weekend?
 - Indianapolis 500
 - Belmont Stakes
 - U.S. Open tennis championships
 - NBA Finals
7. Memorial Day also kicks off the summer wedding season. How many cocktails are served at the average wedding reception?
 - 496
 - 621
 - 1,009
 - 1,473

Answers on page 4

Answers to Memorial Day quiz

- 1. The Civil War, 2. All of the above, 3. 9, 4. 1971, 5. Doylestown, PA, 6. Indianapolis 500, 7. 621.

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INVITATION

“Off the beaten path”
 Discover Oregon

Share your favorite lesser known Oregon getaways. There will be a special guest speaker. FCE Share Fair 2018, Monday, April 23, 2018. First Presbyterian Church, 1321 Linn Ave., Oregon City, 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Registration \$5.00, bring a dish for the potluck lunch. There will be a silent auction and a raffle for gift baskets. The event is hosted by Happy Valley and Carus Study Groups. Contact Karen Hicks at 503-698-4185 if you have questions or to register.

ACWW Women Walk the World

Since the date for this walk is April 29, which falls on a Sunday this year, Yamhill County decided to walk Friday, April 27. This year we will walk in Sheridan. We will meet at the library at 10 am. The library is on the main street one block from the light as you are going towards Willamina. Come see the scenery in Sheridan, enjoy the company of other FCE members and friends and have lunch after our walk.

Whether you raise money for ACWW or just celebrate the organization and the walk, come get some exercise with us. For several years now there have just been four or five of us and we would like to have more join us.



Yamhill/Polk Spring Festival

March 21, thirty-five members from Linn, Marion, Polk and Yamhill Counties gathered to celebrate “On Fire For FCE”. Our host Amity Fire Chief Bruce Hubbard made us all welcome at the Amity Fire Station. Bruce presented our lesson on Fire Safety, gave us a tour of the fire station and all of the trucks and equipment. What a great day of learning! The question was asked of Bruce why our trucks are yellow instead of the usual red. Bruce explained that a few years ago the fire chief did a study on color and what was best seen at all times of day, night and all kinds of weather. Yellow was the color that showed out best in all conditions. At first the firemen were not sure about the color but it grew on them so now most of our trucks are yellow.

We surprised Linda Bird by selecting her as our Heart of FCE nomination. She is a very deserving person and has done so much for FCE. Mainly as treasurer in her study group, county council and state organization. She has attended State and National FCE meetings and taught many lessons and of course she has held other offices in her Sheridan FCE study group. She works with the mailing of the MPY and State FCE News and participates in the ACWW walk. Congratulations Linda.

We were not all serious, we had our laughs too. We played fireman bingo, which was a great review of the lesson taught by the chief. A potluck lunch was enjoyed by all. Following lunch, the council planned a social time of friendship of games before the announcement of the winners of the raffle baskets.

The study groups did a great job of decorating their tables. I was so busy I forgot to take pictures. We also collected a table full of bears and blankets for the firemen to distribute as they see fit. Submitted by **Lynda Nyseth and Sally Wyffels**



Recognizing Mothers and Fathers

Since our next letter will come out after Mother's and Father's Days I'm including information on when these days began to be celebrated.

Julia Ward Howe

Here in America, in 1872, Julia Ward Howe, a famous poet and pacifist who fought for abolition and women's rights, suggested that June 2 be set aside to honor mothers in the name of world peace. This happened not long after the bloody Franco-Prussian War after which Howe began to think of a global appeal to women.

The idea died a quick death. Nothing new happened in this department until 1907, when a Miss Anna M. Jarvis, of Philadelphia, took up the banner.

Anna M. Jarvis

After her mother died in 1905, Miss Anna Jarvis wished to memorialize her life and started campaigning for a national day to honor all mothers.

Her mother, known as "Mother Jarvis," was a young Appalachian homemaker and lifelong activist who had organized "Mother's Work Days" to save the lives of those dying from polluted water. During the Civil War, Mother Jarvis had also organized women's brigades, encouraging women to help without regard for which side their men had chosen. At the time, there were many special days for men, but none for women.

On May 10, 1908, a Mother's Day service was held at a church in Grafton, West Virginia, where Anna's mother had taught. Thus was born the idea that the second Sunday in May be set aside to honor all mothers, dead or alive.

Anna Jarvis, bombarded public figures and various civic organizations with telegrams, letters, and in-person discussions. She addressed groups large and small. At her own expense, she wrote, printed, and distributed booklets extolling her idea. Her efforts came to the attention of the mayor of Philadelphia, who proclaimed a local Mother's Day. From the local level she went on to Washington, D.C. The politicians there knew a good thing when they saw it and were quick to lend verbal support.

West Virginia was the first state to officially adopt the holiday, and others followed suit. Proclamation of the day by the various states led Representative J. Thomas Heflin of Alabama and Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas to present a joint resolution to Congress that Mother's Day be observed nationwide. The resolution was passed by both houses.

Mother's Day Today

In 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill designating the second Sunday in May as a legal holiday to be called "Mother's Day"—dedicated "to the best mother in the world, your mother." For the first few years, the day was observed as a legal holiday, but in absolute simplicity and reverence—church services were held in honor of all mothers, living and dead.

SONORA DODD AND FATHER'S DAY

The first known Father's Day service occurred in Fairmont, West Virginia, on July 5, 1908, thanks to the efforts of Grace Golden Clayton. The service was to honor all fathers, especially those hundreds who were killed during a devastating mine explosion in Monongah (just a few miles from Fairmont) the previous year. However, the observance did not become an annual event, and it was not promoted—very few outside the local area knew about it.

In 1909, Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, also was inspired to create a holiday honoring fathers. William Jackson Smart, her father, was a farmer and Civil War veteran that raised Sonora and her five younger brothers by himself after his wife, Ellen, died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. While attending a Mother's Day church service in 1909, Sonora, then 27, came up with the idea.

Within a few months, Sonora had convinced the Spokane Ministerial Association and the YMCA to set aside a Sunday in June to celebrate fathers. She proposed June 5, her father's birthday, but the ministers chose the third Sunday in June so that they would have more time after Mother's Day (the second Sunday in May) to prepare their sermons. So it was that on June 19, 1910, Sonora delivered presents to handicapped fathers, boys from the YMCA decorated their lapels with fresh-cut roses (red for living fathers, white for the deceased), and the city's ministers devoted their homilies to fatherhood.

A NATIONAL HOLIDAY

The widely publicized events in Spokane struck a chord that reached all the way to Washington, D.C., and Sonora's celebration started its path to becoming a national holiday.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson and his family personally observed the day. Eight years later, President Calvin Coolidge signed a resolution in favor of Father's Day "to establish more intimate relations between fathers and their children and to impress upon fathers the full measure of their obligations."

In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an executive order that the holiday be celebrated on the third Sunday in June.

Under President Richard Nixon, in 1972, Congress passed an act officially making Father's Day a national holiday. (Six years later, Sonora died at age 96.)



Days of rain and days of sun...welcome to spring time in Oregon. I have been trying to get my flowerbeds ready for planting. I have battled with slugs and weeds and there are days I know they are winning. At the Polk/Yamhill Spring Festival I was very lucky to win in the raffle a fantastic basket assembled by the Sheridan study group. It is filled with items for the gardener plus seeds and bulbs. As the days warm up, I will be using each of the tools to get my garden into some like of shape.

April 2 and 3, I attended the Spring Board Meeting for FCE in Redmond. The meeting is like getting the FCE "beds" cleaned and ready for the coming year. Reports were given by each of the state officers and district directors. Our reports were a summation of the happenings in our counties/districts. We listed number of members, the activities they have, volunteer hours, lessons taught and community projects found in many groups. As of January 1, 2018 Oregon, FCE has 241 members.

Sandie Bolyard, VP for Public Policy announced that five nominations for Heart of FCE were

received this year. The nominees are Vangie Andreason, Curry Co; Linda Bird, Yamhill Co; Karlene Christensen, Klamath Co; Carol Wilson, Jackson Co and Dawn Westphal, Washington Co. A committee appointed by president Scott Teeples selected this year's Oregon Heart of FCE, Vangie Andreason.

Sandie is also in charge of Youth Education and there were 27 entries in this year's FCE Essay and Artwork Contest on Citizenship. The counties' first place winners were Cassie Little, Jackson Co; Rylee Palmer, Morrow Co; and Henry Meeker, Yamhill Co. Another committee was appointed by president Teeples to choose the state winner. This year's selection is Rylee Palmer.

Barbara Voltin, VP for Program presented the many ideas sent to her of lesson topics before the board. From the extensive list the board chose the following lessons to be presented at the Fall Oregon conference in Pendleton. The lessons to be taught are "Gas-lighting", "History, Use and Miss-us of Antibodies", "Crockpots and Instant Pots", "Healthy and Independent as You Age", History and Uses of Vinegar" and "Sleep Problems and Apnea". The country to be covered is Australia. The 2019 ACWW Triennial will be held in Melbourne, Australia.

The Fall Conference in Pendleton will be held on October 1-3, 2018, "R.E.A.P. the Rewards of FCE". Each district is responsible for a gift basket for the door prizes. Each study group is asked to donate five items for the sales room and, please, each item is to be prepriced. The community project for the conferences "items for homeless" children and young adults from the Pendleton and surrounding area.

This coming summer is the 2018 National conference to be held in July 19-22, 2018, in Austin, Texas. "Reachin' for the Stars" is the theme for the meeting... "reaching for the stars to become the best we can be". Registration forms are found on both the Oregon website and the New National Website, www.nafce.org.

As we clean and prepare our "garden beds" for the year what will be "planted, cared for and nurtured?"



Next important event for the district is the annual district meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018. The meeting will feature the lesson on “Iceland, Land of Fire and Ice That Kisses the Arctic Circle” presented by Anne Engen and myself. The meeting will take place in Dallas, Oregon, at Murphy’s Grill at 11:00 am. Please review the enclosed flyer concerning the district meeting.

May your Spring and summer months be times of leisure, friendship and learning something new every day.

Sally Wyffels, District III Co-director.

Study group news

The Dexter Fire Hall has been where the Lane Co. Lost Creek FCE has met monthly for decades. When I joined the “family” in 2006 there were five members. Now we have 12!

Twice a year we conduct a Fund Raiser Auction of homemade items, holiday items, jams and cookies. Vickie Graves, Sherryl Coats and Pat Putnam traveled from Linn Co. to join us in December. The auction raised \$200.00, which we used to help support the Dexter Fire Hall and local Food Bank.

Carol Jung helped to organize a field trip to Major Family Funeral Home. Eight attended and returned with much information about “End of Life” planning. Most of us were amazed about options that are available.

Lost Creek Group has been together for as long as FCE began. We are acquainted with each other’s families and we “think” we know all about each other. **BUT**, do we? So, we are each writing about ourselves to give a short presentation. Each month we will take turns possibly surprising a few with excerpt from our childhood, careers and travels. How well does your group know each other?

Submitted by **Deanna Hadley**, Lane Co. Council President

Amity FCE recently lost a long time member, Pat Williams. Because of health reasons she had not been able to attend our meetings. We voted to donate a book to the Amity City Library in Pat’s memory. She loved to cook, enjoy her family and church family and to travel. She is missed by many friends and family members.

This year we had two boys participate in the Character Counts program. Henry Meeker and Trevor Nyseth both did a great job with their essays and pictures showing the character value “Citizenship”. Henry was selected to go to state from Yamhill County and is a third-place winner at the state level. Congratulations to both of the boys for a job well done.



Trevor Nyseth, Lynda Nyseth Henry Meeker

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2018 FCE Calendar

APRIL

Bladder Infection

- 25 Training Polk Co. Extension Office, 9:30-11:00
- 26 Training Marion Co. Extension Office, 9:30-11:00
- 27 ACWW Walk
Meet at Sheridan Library, 10:00
- 30 Registration deadline for District III Luncheon

MAY

- 4 Deadline for OR FCE News articles
- 7 District III Meeting
Murphy's Grill, Dallas, 11:30
- 11 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30
Sandwich Express, McMinnville
- 13 Mother's Day
- 18 Mail Oregon FCE News, 9:00
Four Corners Fire Station
- 19 Armed Forces Day
- 28 Marion Co. Council, 9:30
Four Corners Fire Station

Memorial Day

JUNE

- 14 Flag Day
- 17 Father's Day

JULY

- 4 Independence Day
- 8-11 Marion Co. Fair

AUGUST

- 1-4 Yamhill Co. Fair
- 3 Deadline for Oregon FCE News Articles
- 9-11 Polk Co. Fair
- 17 Mail Oregon FCE News, 9:00
Four Corners Fire Station
- 24 Oregon State Fair begins

No Training for FCE Lesson

SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day
State Fair ends
 - 7 Deadline for articles for MPY
 - 14 Yamhill/Polk Co. Council, 9:30
Sandwich Express, McMinnville
 - 21 Mail MPY, 9:00
Four Corners Fire Station
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- 26 Training Yamhill Co. Exten. Office, 9:30-11:00
 - 27 Training Marion Co. Exten. Office, 9:30-11:00